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SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state the name of the contractor and the original estimate, whether the terms of the contract were strictly enforced, and also which of the Government departments, the Public Works Department or the Highways, is in charge of this contract? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member should put each question separately."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" I put all the four questions together so that time may be saved."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The name of the contractor is Messrs. The Modern Housing Construction and Properties, Limited. The original estimate was for Rs. 11·35 lakhs. Subsequently, it was revised to Rs. 12 lakhs and again it was revised to Rs. 18·5 lakhs. As the contractor did not do his work properly, he was also punished and he was fined to the extent of Rs. 3,000. The work is expected to be completed in another fifteen months. The work so far done is for about Rs. 12 lakhs, and the work yet to be done is for about Rs. 8·26 lakhs."

Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli.

* 283 *Q*.—SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the average number of in-patients treated every month in the District Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli, for the past two years;

(*b*) the average number of patients admitted in the maternity ward attached to the hospital;

(*c*) whether a new building is under construction to house the maternity ward; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to reduce the number of beds which was provided in the original plan?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) to (*d*) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House."

11 a.m. SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" If there is going to be no reduction of bed strength, may I know why when the Government gave administrative sanction for Rs. 4 lakhs odd in G.O. No. 2526, dated the 16th June 1951, they have allotted only Rs. 1,90,000 in this year's Budget? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I think the building work will be spread over more than one year."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that medicines are not supplied from the

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Indian Medical Stores when indents are made and if so, what action Government have taken for securing proper and adequate supplies of medicine? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That does not arise out of this question."

SRI A. RAMASAMY THEVAR :—" Is the Hon. the Minister of Health aware of the fact that the Government have issued orders to stop the construction of the maternity ward in the Gandhi Memorial District Headquarters Hospital at Tiruchirappalli, and if so, when will it be constructed in view of the fact that more beds are required for in-patients? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The original plan for a maternity ward having 69 beds is being executed."

Thumarada-Jamparakota road, Palakonda taluk.

* 284 Q.—SRI V. P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the construction of Thummarada-Jamparakota road in Palakonda taluk was included in the Post-War Road Development Scheme and that it was investigated by the Public Works Department; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken for its execution?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) The work of forming the road from Thumarada to Jamparakota was investigated by a special Supervisor, but it is not included in the Five-Year Plan of Post-War Road Development.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" May I know, Sir, how long this proposal was under investigation."

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I am not aware of it, Sir; but there is another alternative suggestion, namely, the Jamparakota-Nagavaram road which seems to be an important road. I think it has been investigated and it is included in the programme."

Clearance of the silt in Vanamadevi and Thiruvendipuram dams, South Arcot district.

* 285 Q.—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the sand bed of the reservoir area is 2 feet higher than the anicut level in the Vanamadevi and Thiruvendipuram dams in South Arcot district; and

(b) whether this was brought to the notice of the Government by the local authorities?